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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the aboveidentified application:

 (Currently amended) A method of identifying a compound that selectively modulates at least one TLR-mediated cellular activity, the method comprising:

providing an assay to detect modulation of a <u>cellular activity known to be</u> TLR7mediated cellular activity and an assay to detect modulation of a <u>cellular activity known to be</u> TLR8-mediated cellular activity;

performing the assay to detect modulation of a TLR7-mediated cellular activity using a test compound and human cells that naturally express TLR7;

performing the assay to detect modulation of a TLR8-mediated cellular activity using the test compound and human cells that naturally express TLR8; and

identifying the test compound as a compound that selectively modulates at least one TLR-mediated cellular activity if the test compound modulates the TLR7-mediated cellular activity to at least a two-fold different extent than it modulates the TLR8-mediated cellular activity, a

wherein the TLR-mediated cellular activity comprises inducing production of a cytokine, co-stimulatory marker, intercellular adhesion molecule, proliferation/maturation marker, or a combination thereof.

- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound modulates a TLR7-mediated cellular activity and does not modulate a TLR8-mediated cellular activity.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound modulates a
 TLR8-mediated cellular activity and does not modulate a TLR7-mediated cellular activity.

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4-56. (Canceled)

- 57. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the TLR-mediated cellular activity is inducing production of a cytokine selected from the group consisting of: TNF-α, a Type I interferon, IFN-γ, IL-1, IL-6, IL-8, IL-10, IL-12, MIP-1, MCP-1, and combinations thereof
- 58. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the TLR-mediated cellular activity is inducing production of a co-stimulatory marker.
- (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the TLR-mediated cellular activity is inducing production of an intercellular adhesion molecule.
- (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the TLR-mediated cellular activity is inducing production of a proliferation/maturation marker.
- 61. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein human cells that naturally express TLR7 comprise plasmacytoid dendritic cells and human cells that naturally express TLR8 comprise myeloid dendritic cells.